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REACTION TO CONJUGATED UNSATURATED GROUPS  
Jeffrey A. Hubbell et al.  
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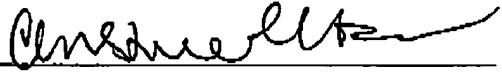
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned patent application on October 6, 2005, applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend the application as follows.